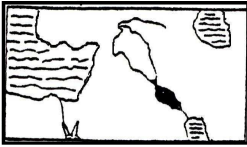


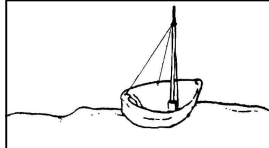
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Lacked natural resources (e.g timber)
- Small trees and bushes grew along the river
- Plant life sparse because of little rain.

2. Economics



- Traded with neighbours
- Goods transported by donkeys, oxen and boats
- Traded extra grain, wool, oil, clothing, and leather for ivory/precious stone.

3. Religion and Philosophy



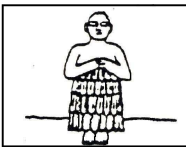
- Worshiped 300 deities
- Believe each city founded by deity
- Believe there is deity for everything

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Girls don't go to school
- Sons of wealthy families go to school
- Taught by priests
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5. Political Science



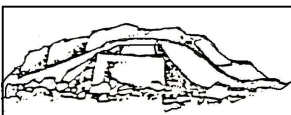
- Each society has own ruler or king
- Organized into city states
- Stronger city states conquered weaker city states

6. Sociology



- Men head of house hold
- Women had some rights
- Most Sumerians treated slaves fairly
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7. History



- Developed alphabet by 2400 B.C.E
- Improved pottery making process
- Developed efficient numerical system